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## LAST EDITION

## THE WARD MEN

## Disorderly House Keeper Priest's Testimony Before

the Lexow Committee.

**"INITIATION" FEES OF \$500**  
First Assessed \$25 a Month, The

**SAYS OTHERS WERE TAXED, TOO**

**Mrs. Rhoda Sanford Called, but  
Was Taken Ill and Excused  
Temporarily.**

The most sensational testimony heard by the Lexow Senate Committee, which is investigating the Police Department, was given by Charles Prien at to-day's session. Prien, who formerly kept a disorderly house at 23 Bay Street, said that during the six years he kept the place he had paid out

The money, he said, was given to men who made regular demands upon him. Other keepers of disorderly houses were similarly assessed, he declared.

Apparently all hope of securing Gide Granger, the elusive ex-son-in-law of Police Commissioner McClave, as a witness had perished, for, as told in "The Work" this morning, Granger wrote to his

Granger in his letter stated very positively that nothing would induce him to appear before the Committee again, and that the signing of the decree of divorce in favor of his wife, Clara McClure Granger, by Judge Dugger had led

been scouring the country for Grange ever since he disappeared, said this morning that he had no doubt whatever that the "bird had flown the coop" and that it would be useless to attempt to procure his attendance with a subpoena.

It was also reported that Commissioner McClave's illness was more serious than had at first been supposed, and that

Mr. McClave's condition," said Mr. Goetz. "I have not heard a word regarding this morning, "except what I have read in the newspapers."

**McClave Too Ill to Testify.**

Mr. Nicoll settled this point soon afterwards when he came in, by stating that he had heard from Mr. McClave this morning, and that he was still too ill to appear before the Committee.

It was 11 o'clock when Chairman Lefox called the Committee to order and announced that they were ready to proceed with the business of the day. Senators O'Connor, Robertson, Pounder and Bradley were present, Senator Saxton being the only absentee. Ex-Senator Stadler, of the Sixth District, was absent.

"I have been counting noses," he said, with evidence of high glee, "and I have found that not one of the members of this Committee voted for the bill to increase the salaries of the New York policemen. So they can't accuse a single one of us of coming in for a share of that \$37,000."

**man in Black Appears.**

After a brief delay that followed on the arrest, Parkhurst detectives went into the courtroom with a woman. She was dressed in black, with a thick black veil which half covered her features. It was seen, however, that her cheeks were very red and her hair a bright yellow.

The first witness called by Mr. Gold was John G. Leonard, a policeman attached to the East One Hundred and Fourth street station. He had been on the force for ten years, but had not risen above the grade of patrolman.

record was good, and asked the witness if he understood he was protected by the Committee in giving his testimony. He said he was fully aware of this, and that he appeared on a subpoena.

Leonard testified that on election day last he was assigned to duty at a polling-place at Third avenue and Sixty-seventh street. A man named Kelly

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